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FILING DATE FIRST NAMED INVENTOR ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. SERIAL NUMBER ひつつちけむどうひ HINN NEST OF 111/15/93 98/136,760 SAFOUREK EKAMINER 26M1/0613 BURNS, DOANE, SWEETKER & MATHIS WASHINGTON & PRINCE STREETS PAPER NUMBER ART UNIT 10 9. G. BOX 1404 27.1354 ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1404 DATE MAILED: 06/13/96 This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS Responsive to communication filed on $2 - \ell - 96$ This action is made final. This application has been examined A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire Two month(s), days from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. 35 U.S.C. 133 Part I THE FOLLOWING ATTACHMENT(S) ARE PART OF THIS ACTION: Notice of References Cited by Examiner, PTO-892. 2. Notice of Draftsman's Fatent Drawing Review, PTO-948. 4. Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152. Notice of Art Cited by Applicant, PTO-1449. 5. Information on How to Effect Drawing Changes, PTO-1474... Part II SUMMARY OF ACTION are pending in the application. 2. Claims___ 3. 1 Claims __/-20 4. Claims 5. Claims are objected to. are subject to restriction or election requirement. 7. This application has been filed with informal drawings under 37 C.F.R. 1.85 which are acceptable for examination purposes. 8. Formal drawings are required in response to this Office action. 9. The corrected or substitute drawings have been received on ______. Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 are _____ acceptable; ___ not acceptable (see explanation or Notice of Draftsman's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948). . Under 37 C.F.R. 1.84 these drawings 10. The proposed additional or substitute sheet(s) of drawings, filed on ____ _____. has (have) been approved by the examiner; disapproved by the examiner (see explanation). 11. The proposed drawing correction, filed ______, has been approved; approved (see explanation). 12. Acknowledgement is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has beer received not been received □ been filed in parent application, serial no. _____; filed on ____ 13. Since this application apppears to be in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213. 14. Other

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A. The proposed amendment to claim 13, line 5, has been entered on line 4.

B. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters: The Assent of Assignee is still not as required by 37 C.F.R. 3.73 (B) and MPEP 324. The form in chapter 300 of the MPEP (page 300-12) may be used. Applicants are also reminded that the original patent has not been surrendered.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE TWO MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

C. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to B. Safourek whose telephone number is (703) 305-4364. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas Olms, can be reached on (703) 305-4364. The fax phone number for this Group is (703) 305-9508.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700.

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